THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such need has been felt.

Removal of illiteracy among women

2361. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate special programmes for the removal of illiteracy among women in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Under the existing programme of adult education special priority has been given to the coverage of women. The state Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to ensure that out of the total learners enrolled at least 50 per cent should be women learners. The progress is reviewed every quarter and as on quarter ending September 1985, out of the total enrolment in adult education centres nearly 54 per cent were women learners. To encourage voluntary orgnisations to run literacy centres exclusively for women grant-in-aid rules have been relaxed to permit them to take up a minimum number of 5 centres. Priority is also given to the opening of adult education centres in rural and adivasi area having the literacy rate below the national average in general and female adult literacy in particular. Incentive awards were given to the State/Union Territories at State, district, block and panchayat level for promotion of adult literacy among women of the age group 15-35 years, during the years 1983-84, and 1984-85 *viz*, adult literacy for women enrolment of girls and non-formal education. To develop need-based material for women a project to equip State Resource Centres with the assistance of UNICEF is being implemented. The primary objective of the project is to introduce a component of mother and child-care into adult education programmes for women and develop need-based primer with emphasis on health, family welfare and nutrition.

With a view to ensure enrolment of girls in the age group 9-14 under non-formal education programme central assistance on 90: 10 sharing basis has been provided to the nine educationally backward States.

Assistance to the nine educationally backward States on 80 : 20 sharing basis has also been provided for appointment of women teachers with a view to step up enrolment of girls in schools in larger numbers.

Disincentives in the Family Planning Programme

2362. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce disincentives to bring about greater success in the family planning programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHANKUMAR): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration.